

:010 15.628 Multi-State Conservation Grants

:030 FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

:040 AUTHORIZATION: Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950, 64 Stat. 430, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 777-777K; Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, 50 Stat. 917 as amended 16 U.S.C. 669-b, 669-i; The Fish and Wildlife Programs Improvement and National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act of 2000, 114 STAT. 1762.

:050 OBJECTIVES: To provide funding for sport fish and wildlife restoration projects identified by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

:060 TYPES OF ASSISTANCE: Project Grants

:070 USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS: Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration funds may be used for sport fisheries and wildlife research projects, boating access development, hunter safety, aquatic education, habitat improvements, and other projects consistent with the purposes of the enabling legislation.

:080 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

:081 Applicant Eligibility: States, groups of States, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (for National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation only), non-governmental organizations. By October 1st of each year the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA) will provide the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service a priority list of projects recommended for funding. The Director may fund only project proposals on the priority list.

:082 Beneficiary Eligibility: Projects must benefit at least 26 States, or a majority of the States in a region of the Fish and Wildlife Service, or a regional association of State fish and game departments. Non-government applicants must certify that they will not use any grant funds for activities, projects, or programs that promote or encourage opposition to regulated hunting or trapping of wildlife, or angling for or harvest of sport fishes.

:083 Credentials/Documentation: Costs for grants to States or groups of States will be determined in accordance with 43 CFR 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments" and OMB Circular A-87. Cost for grants to non-governmental groups who are non-profit organizations will be determined according to 43 CFR 12, Subpart (F), and OMB Circular A-122. Cost principles for non-governmental groups which are commercial will be determined 48 CFR 31.2 and Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) 31.2.

:090 APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS:

:091 Pre-application Coordination: For State applicants, this program is eligible for coverage

under E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." An applicant should consult the office or official designated as the single point of contact in his or her State for more information on the process the State requires to be followed in applying for assistance, if the State has selected the program for review.

:092 Application Procedure: States will use forms and procedures described in 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments", and OMB-Circular A-102. Non-profit organizations will use forms and procedures described in 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart F, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations", and OMB Circular A-110. Commercial applicants and Fish and Wildlife Service applicants must use forms and procedures described in 50 CFR 80, the Program Rule for the Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Programs.

:093 Award Procedure: The Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service will select projects to be funded, based on established criteria, from a priority list developed by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA).

:094 Deadlines: The deadline for submitting proposals will be announced each year in the Federal Register, generally in the spring. The International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies must provide its priority list of project proposals to the Fish and Wildlife Service Assistant Director - Migratory Birds and State Programs by October 1st. The following January, the Service Director will publish in the Federal Register the list of projects selected for funding that Federal fiscal year.

:095 Range of Approval/Disapproval Time: Approximately 6 to 9 months.

:096 Appeals: Final determination rests with the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

:097 Renewals: Projects are funded on a one-time basis. Any requests for future funding will compete with requests for new projects.

:100 ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS:

:101 Formula and Matching Requirements: This program has no statutory formula or matching requirements.

:102 Length and Time Phasing of Assistance: Projects may be approved for up to 3 years, with funding dependant on annual competition.

:110 POST ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS:

:111 Reports: Reporting requirements for grants to States are described in 43 CFR 12, Subpart C, and OMB Circular A-102. Reporting for grants to non-profit organizations are described in 43

CFR 12, Subpart F, and OMB Circular A-110. Commercial grantees and Fish and Wildlife Service grantees must use reporting procedures described in 43 CFR 12.80(b).

:112 Audits: Audits: In accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No.A-133 (Revised, June 24, 1997), "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," nonfederal entities that expend financial assistance of \$300,000 or more in Federal awards will have a single or a program specific audit conducted for that year. Non-federal entities that expend less than \$300,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in Circular No. A-133.

:113 Records: Cost records must be maintained for each project for 3 years after submission of the final request for reimbursement. Record keeping requirements for grants to States are described in 43 CFR 12, Subpart C, and OMB Circular A-102. Record keeping requirements for grants to non-profit organizations are described in 43 CFR 12, Subpart F, and OMB Circular A-110. For Commercial grantee and Fish and Wildlife Service grantees must use record keeping procedures described in 43 CFR 12, Subpart C, and OMB Circular A-102.

:120 FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

:121 Account Identification: 14-8151-0-7-303; 14-5029-0-2-303.

:122 Obligations: (Grants) FY 01 \$6,000,000; FY 02 \$6,000,000; FY 03 \$6,000,000.

:123 Range and Average of Financial Assistance: New program; historical average not available.

:130 PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS: New program.

:140 REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND LITERATURE: 43 CFR 12; 50 CFR 80; Sections 521, 522, and 523 of the Fish and Wildlife Service Manual.

:150 INFORMATION CONTACTS:

:151 Regional or Local Office: See Catalog Appendix IV for Regional Fish and Wildlife Service Offices.

:152 Headquarters Office: Office of Migratory Birds and State Programs, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Room 3248, Washington, D.C. 20240-0001. Contact: Chief, Division of Federal Aid. Telephone: (703) 358-2156.

:160 RELATED PROGRAMS: 15.605, Sport Fish Restoration; 15.611, Wildlife Restoration.

:170 EXAMPLES OF FUNDED PROJECTS: Education and training, analysis and focus on the values and use of sport fish and wildlife programs and new technologies, and evaluation in restoration, recreation, enhancement , an/or protection of sport fish and wildlife and their habitats.

:180 CRITERIA FOR SELECTING PROPOSALS: Projects will be reviewed and evaluated for scope, significance, feasibility, cost effectiveness, and attention to one or more focus areas.

:320 APPLICANTS: State fish and wildlife agencies, fish and wildlife associations, commercial organizations associated with the fish and wildlife field, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (for the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation only).

:330 BENEFICIARIES: public users of sport fish and wildlife, fish and wildlife management agencies

:340 FUNCTIONS: provide nation-wide or region wide information or techniques

:350 CIRCULARS: OMB Circulars A-102, A-133, A-87, A-122.

:500 PUBLIC LAWS:

:510 STATUTES:

:520 U.S. CODES: 16 U.S.C. 669, 16 U.S.C. 777

:530 MATCHING REQTS: None.

:540 GRANTS: Yes.

:550 LOANS: N/A

:560 OTHER:

:570 DEADLINE DATE: Published each spring in the Federal Register.

:600 SUBJECT TERMS:

- Fish and wildlife
 - endangered, threatened species
 - environmental assessment
 - evaluation, planning
 - fish conservation
 - fish resource management
 - fisheries information, technical assistance
 - fisheries research
 - habitat management
 - hatcheries
 - hunting improvement, safety
 - marine fisheries
 - recreational fisheries
 - wildlife management

wildlife information, technical assistance
wildlife research
wildlife restoration

Recreation

Dingell-Johnson (D-J) Program
fisheries
hunting improvement
outdoor facilities
Pittman-Robertson (PR) Program